



**CITY OF MORGAN HILL**

**17555 PEAK AVENUE MORGAN HILL CALIFORNIA 95037**

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 21, 2004**

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**MORGAN HILL CIVIC CENTER**

CITY HALL

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Chair

Vice-Chair  
Commission Member  
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Craig C. van Keulen

Marilyn Librers  
Laura Hagiperos  
Don Jensen  
Mark Frederick  
Tom Madalena  
Jeff Bernardini

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IRC, Sports Complex,  
Youth Sports  
YAC, Endowment  
Seniors  
Arts/Downtown,  
IRC, Parks, Sports Complex  
BTAC  
Sports Complex

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**7:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE**

All in attendance.

**DECLARATION OF POSTING OF AGENDA**

Per Government Code 54954.2

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Vice-Chair Librers

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

## **REPORTS**

### **A. PARKS:**

Deputy Director Mori Struve

*Reports were deferred to next month.*

1. Follow up on PG&E Main Avenue Substation clean up.
2. Indoor Recreation Center Update
3. Fringe area update – Nordstrom Park photos (attached)
4. Dog Park Article – San Jose- attached
5. Interim Dog Park – PG&E property –status

Marlys Warner who is a member of the dog owner's group offered public comment and they are working on a business plan and fundraising. They are trying to get an accurate estimate so they can target for fundraising. There are five members on the steering committee.

6. Update – Paradise Park Contractor in default
7. West Nile Virus Mosquitoes in Parks
8. Community Park Master Plan – Need to review with Council prior to CEQA process

### **B. RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES:**

Manager Julie Spier

1. Sobrato Soccer Site update: City of San Jose recruiting for an EIR consultant.
2. Aquatics Center update: goal is to stay open through Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> while reviewing operations and maintenance budget numbers to determine winter and spring plan.

## **BUSINESS**

### **1. APPROVE BICYCLE AND TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO PRESENT ANNUAL MORGAN HILL CYCLING AND TRAIL AWARENESS AWARD TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF CYCLING AND TRAILS**

**Recommended Action:** Approve Bicycle and Trails Advisory Committee (BTAC) recommendation to prepare Annual Morgan Hill Cycling and Trail Awareness Award for City Council Action.

Chair van Keulen suggested that certificates be issued as awards.

Motion to approve by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Frederick, approved 7:0.

### **2. ART AND CULTURAL ALLIANCE**

**Recommended Action:** Receive presentation from representatives of the Arts and Cultural Alliance and provide comments for their consideration and future Council review.

Received presentation by committee member Zoe Gustlin. Zoe represented that the committee concern was that without an arts commission it makes it difficult to get public art projects in the forefront for Morgan Hill, which is why they decided to bring this alliance proposal together. Target implementation is for the 100 year anniversary in 2006 of the City of Morgan Hill. Zoe wanted to educate the PRC on what is happening with the alliance at this time and to work with them on bringing ideas forward.

Evelyn Davis spoke on a art project she would like to propose as part of the Indoor Recreation Center. She has a concept of a bronze sculpture of a bobcat named Liberty that was released back to the wild through the WERC program. The sculpture would depict her first leap to freedom and the life-size copy would be mounted on a natural rock and placed outside the Indoor Recreation Center, or other public spot. Zoe concluded that there is a need to begin thinking of including art work in public project design, such as with the IRC project.

The Parks and Recreation Commission asked for some clarification as to their role in the presented plan. Zoe explained that as a “driver” of the plan they would be responsible for pushing the concept and project forward and to be funding partners for grants and private donations. Further clarification of the various roles still need to be defined. Commission thanked Zoe and the committee for their time and efforts and were supportive of the further development of this plan. Commissioner Don Jensen was asked to take on the role of liaison with this committee and he agreed.

### **3. SPORTS COMPLEX PRIVATE OPERATOR PROPOSALS**

**Recommended Action:** Receive presentation(s) from private operators who have expressed interest in partnering with the city at the Sports Complex site; Commission is to provide an Analysis of the potential for private ventures that are consistent with the goals of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

City staff presented materials and video provided by Big League Dreams.

Doug Payne, of the Coliseum Group, presented their proposal of a private-public partnership along with his team members. A series of plan proposals were described as to possible partnership scenarios. Plan A would provide \$2million in additional capital by the Coliseum Group in addition to a land-lease that may cover the operations and maintenance of the outdoor sport fields. Plan A was the preferred plan by The Coliseum Group to the PRC. The concept includes an 110,000 sq. ft. building footprint with phase one at 75,000sq. ft. Parking would be shared. Morgan Hill Gymnastics have partnered with the project, which also includes volleyball, basketball, weight and cardio areas. Phase II would include rock climbing and skate park.

There is an annual fee of \$125/year or a drop-in fee of \$10. George Riley of The Coliseum Group indicated that they would negotiate percentage of gross return as well as ground-lease based on thresholds and raises. Doug Payne indicated that this facility would not compete with the IRC but rather complement it as theirs would have premier fitness equipment and sit-down restaurant capabilities. Doug did acknowledge this is the group’s first venture.

Doug Payne explained under Plan A that they would build a project of \$9-\$10 million and contribute \$2million more capital to the outdoor area. Weekend use would be youth tournament/league play and weekday use would be adult plan. There is only seed capital available right now. It would take 12-15 months to construct their project.

Doug Payne invited anyone interested in discussing the project further to meet him and his team at the Holiday Inn after the meeting.

Public Comment: Debbie Cupp asked if The Coliseum project would be in competition with the Indoor Recreation Center Project? Doug Payne replied that they were targeting a different clientele.

Parks and Recreation Commission thanked them for their time and would take the proposals under consideration. The non-profit youth sports groups will be presenting their report at the next meeting regarding operations and maintenance of the complex. PRC will then determine the criteria to evaluate the proposals on and based on that criteria present a recommendation to Council for their review.

**4. APPOINTMENT TO THE SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Recommended Action:** Appoint Jeannette Riley to the Senior Advisory Committee to replace committee member Sharon Leonard who's term was extended until filled.

Vice-Chair Librers made the motion to approve this appointment, seconded by Commissioner Frederick, approved 7:0.

**5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 17, 2004**

Motion to approve the minutes made by Commissioner Bernardini, seconded by Commissioner Frederick, and approved 7:0.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Vice-Chair Librers announced the upcoming Cultural Arts Dance sponsored by the YAC on Saturday, October 2. Tickets on sale at the Community and Cultural Center.

**REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Regular Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting on October 19, 2004.